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Anthony Nesbit  
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Civil No. 03-00455 SOM-KSC  
Consolidated

vs.  
State of Hawaii Dept of  
Public Safety, et al  
Defendants

Plaintiffs Supplemental Response  
in Support of Plaintiffs Opposition  
with Defendants response to  
Plaintiffs interrogatories

William J. Kotis  
Plaintiff

Civil No. 04-00167 WAE-LEK  
Consolidated

vs.  
State of Hawaii Dept of  
Public Safety, et al  
Defendants

Comes Now Plaintiffs Anthony Nesbit and William Kotis  
with their final Supplemental Response in Support of  
Plaintiffs Opposition to defendants motion for summary  
judgment with Defendants answers to plaintiffs inter-  
rogatories Plaintiffs wish to use this as evidence to support  
their Opposition and have presented law and arguments in  
support herein

Plaintiffs received defendant's reply memorandum in support of Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment filed March 30, 2006. On April 3, 2006 this was received along with some of the Ordered interrogatories all these legal documents were received by plaintiffs on April 3, 2006.

Plaintiffs have a hearing date for Defendant's summary Judgment Motion on April 24<sup>th</sup> 2006 as set by the Honorable Kevin Cheng at plaintiffs hearing for Discovery Sanctions and 2nd enlargement of time this new hearing date for summary Judgment was verbally communicated to plaintiffs however no legal document has yet been received by plaintiffs regarding their request for enlargement of time or the Honorable Magistrate's ruling at the time of that hearing.

Plaintiffs are again facing a time limitation to argue Law and pleadings and put this all together before the April 24<sup>th</sup> 2006 hearing date at this time which gives plaintiffs 20 days to respond plaintiffs have not received interrogatories from Defendant Edwin Shimoda as well as Defendant Chief of Security Saia Finau these responses are important in supporting plaintiffs opposition to defendant's summary Judgment Motion, for now plaintiffs will address what was received on April 3, 2006.

Defendants rely on third-party decision in Civil Case 04-00414 filed in the U.S. District Court December 6, 2005, and in that Civil action the Honorable U.S. District Court never recognized that Mr. Ahoilelei fully exhausted the Claim that HCF's housing policies was unconstitutional, or that Mr. Ahoilelei had standing to assert his Claims challenging HCF's housing policies under Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(1). See *White v. Lee* 227 F.3d 1214, 1242 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir 2000). However this was recognized in plaintiffs Complaint, Claims and arguments and is of significance in 03-00455 and 04-00167 (consolidated)  
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also in Mr. Aholoele's Order of December 6, 2005 the Honorable District Court saw his pleadings as being flawed stating that Mr. Aholoele's arguments were not explicit in his Complaint or Opposition, where as in 03-00455 Consolidated Plaintiff's Complaint the Honorable Court stated Plaintiff "are clearly alleging that HCF's housing policy, in and of itself, is unconstitutional" and it is here that different Considerations and fundamentals of law as well as arguments come into play concerning the Challenging of the housing practice see *White v. Lee* 227 F.3d 1214.

Defendants argue that there is no law on point with plaintiff's Claims and Complaint arguing that this is not "Clearly established" law therefore Qualified immunity attaches. Plaintiff's arguments concerning similar complaints and law are more fully addressed in plaintiff's Motion in Opposition filed Jan 18, 2006 at pages 6, 7, 8 these pages show that similar situation and Circumstances in Case law do recognize gang targeting and non-gang members as an identifiable group of inmates frequently singled out for gang targeting and violence and in this instant Case purposes for gang targeting were mainly recruitment in the Challenged housing practice area those who choose not to join the rival gang they are housed with will suffer pain and injury until they join or conform to the prison gangs standard for acceptance which confirms this statement made by defendant R. Asher.

In defendant Randy Asher's answer to interrogatory #28

"Not necessary but possible. Being forced to join the majority unless the non-affiliated gang inmate is strong enough to withstand the pressures of the gang."

Plaintiff have claimed deliberate ignorance in there awareness of the high probability of gang targeting and the



longstanding and well documented history of beatings and coercion for recruitment purposes in the use of the challenged housing practice, defendants are aware but consciously avoiding the high probability of the fact in question

the reason why someone (defendants) would do this is to impose their own notions of hatred and conflict upon prisoners, regardless of whether these notions are based in fact or deeply-held stereotypes, the housing practice has key defective components that allows and gives prison officials, staff, guards Carte blanche to do this and they do, also secondly defendants deliberate ignorance is an effort to escape liability

when reading answers to plaintiff interrogatories repeat word and phrases present are indicative of what plaintiff see as coaching, directing, instructing, altering by defendants attorney who in concert with defendants use evasive, broad, and contradictory answers in an effort to escape liability, moreover answers to interrogatories are typed up at the attorney generals office, who knows what the original answers were before doctoring by the attorney generals office

all defendants collectively played the "ostrich" in the use of the challenged housing practice, defendants answer to interrogatory (#14) How many grievances for the last 5 years did you receive or know of that complained of prison gang members threatening, extorting or assaulting inmates (Answer some or don't know) this is a evasive and repeat answer to this interrogatory again demonstrating deliberate ignorance.

the extent of there awareness and knowledge of the known danger in the housing practice is demonstrated in there replies to those grievances which they will not produce because they claim Confidentiality and a Burden. However plaintiff evidence combined with answers to interrogatories show

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and prove plaintiff Claims.

When Combining the "some" answer to interrogatory (#14) all these "somes" suggest a pattern of a abuse in the use of the Challenged housing practice add these "somes" to plaintiff evidence (declarations of other inmates beaten and coerced and forced rival gang membership) and then add former Grievance specialist Mr. Bob Webb who personally told plaintiff that he received about a dozen grievances a Year from inmates that fear for their safety when housed with gang members and also told plaintiff that he receives a handful of grievances per Year that inmates say they were actually assaulted he also stated he has worked as Grievance specialist for 3 Years this Conversation between plaintiff and Mr. Bob Webb occurred in Halawa High Security Law Library on or about Feb 2004 this is described in plaintiff declaration filed April 14<sup>th</sup> 2004 at page 2 paragraphs 1 thru 6 also see paragraphs 7 thru 14 and 15-. Defendants never disputed plaintiff description of the personal Conversation he had with former Grievance specialist or Conversations with ACLU representative Tim Fitzpatrick or the letter plaintiff sent to defendant Nolan Espinda. Certainly all these admissions and omissions and declarations prove plaintiff allegation and claims that defendants had actual and constructive knowledge of the known Hazard and danger in the use of the housing practice and this danger was directed at an identifiable group of prisoners (non-gang members) and the evidence demonstrates this, and these defendants at the higher chain of Command wish to take a back seat to their acquiescence in the use of a housing practice created by subordinates under which unconstitutional practices occurred, and allowed the continuance of such a policy or custom. Their failure to promulgate their statutory duties in regards to safety and protection issues in their subordinates use in the housing practice and failure to train them and provide safeguards. Plaintiffs have shown from arguments and the mentioned evidence in this paragraph that a demonstrable pattern of victimization existed in the practice

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Defendants Frank J. Lopez and James Propotnick's response to plaintiff's first request for answers to interrogatories answers to interrogatories #28 are identical, and their answer raises questions of why that particular situation was not addressed on a case by case basis. Because it is these glaring deficiencies that give rise to unconstitutionally defective practices. Both of these defendants in their interrogatories reiterate "potential to be a threat" again these are identical answers to interrogatory #23 thru 30, coincidence or direction and altering by Attorney General's Attorneys who have an interest in this case they also are defendants in this action and approve policy and practices for the Dept of Public Safety these answers are some type of format response prepared and given by defendants' attorneys again in order to escape liability. (see answers from Lopez and Propotnick 23 thru 30 are identical)

Point out this is again the same argument plaintiff brought up in their motion for Discovery Sanctions and 2nd enlargement of time, who can ascertain the extent defendants' attorney have tampered with depositions and interrogatories from defendants deviating from the truth and specifics to present evasive and broad answers this is unacceptable practice and behaviour on the part of defendants' attorneys what are they trying to hide and who do they think they are fooling?

Other defendants answers to interrogatories are suspiciously identical as well and Contradictory to previous stipulations as an example is Exhibit F. in plaintiff's Opposition filed Jan 18<sup>th</sup> 2006 - his exhibit contains a stipulation by defendants "that during the relevant time period, the policy of Halawa Facility was to separate members of rival gangs and that "sometimes" left non-gang members housed in the same population as known gang members. The word "sometimes" is of significance in the use of the housing practice.



Plaintiffs have alleged and argued that this word "sometimes" is the arbitrary use against an identifiable group and suspect class in the use of the housing practice resulting in unconstitutional exclusion of the separation process/practice/custom/policy used for rival prison gang members and denying non-gang members an equal opportunity to participate in protection and safety issues concerning compatibility in a separated concentrated rival prison gang environment in a maximum security prison setting.

The point on this is when reviewing defendants interrogatories they try to change the perception of the stipulation from "sometimes" to all the time. The reason why defendants stipulated in the first place the word "sometimes" is simply because sometimes non-gang members were housed in the separated concentrated rival prison gang housing area and sometimes they were not and placed in a non-gang housing area. Defendants try to twist this perception that every Quad in Both Medium and high security facilities this was occurring when in fact plaintiffs argue it was not and the housing area this practice was occurring was limited to about half the Quads in the entire prison whereas the other half had non-gang members and mostly concentrations of non-gang members. The Quad plaintiff Anthony Ricket and William Kotis came from before housing in the challenged housing area was a non-gang member environment there were no prison gang members separated or otherwise and plaintiffs knew that Module 4 contained all non-gang members as well as certain other Quads in different modules plaintiffs are in opposition to this misrepresentation of the use in the housing practice.

Another point on this is the easy alternative to putting a non-gang member in the challenged housing area, which was offer protective custody before housing in a rival gang

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Concentrated maximum security environment or place the non-gang member in a non-gang guard. Plaintiff alleges and claim that not to do this and without warning or screening to house a non-gang member new to the prison (Fresh) in with seasoned concentration of rival gang members who already have demonstrated their propensity of Violence with acts of Violence within the prison upon both rival prison gang and non-gang members and to do this to a inmate unaware on a moment's notice is a easy foreseeable predictable danger to that inmate and to say it is "not necessary" so is a demonstration of deliberate ignorance.

Point on this is the New inmate is Vulnerable to extortion, coercion, and recruitment by the seasoned rival prison gang members another point he has no record of institutional Violence what so ever and not one tattoo as plaintiffs have none, on the other hand these rival prison gang members have earned their way into the maximum security setting through a history of Violent acts in the prison these Violent acts include act of Violence against rival prison gang as well as non-gang members before being housed in the Maximum Security separated rival prison gang housing area.

Plaintiff have no propensity for Violence and did not have a demonstratable history of it like the rival prison gangs did a true of fact Certainly could agree that this danger is Obvious Moreover the housing area plaintiffs were put in contained the worst and most Violently demonstratable rival prison gangs in the entire state of Hawaii prison system, 3 of these prison gang members managed to Bust through the Concreat and escape from Halawa high security facility endangering the public. This occurred in April of 2003



Plaintiffs argue intent to harm is demonstrated in plaintiffs evidence and defendants admissions and omissions as well as the arguments herein at page 4 demonstrating a pattern of beating and "deliberate indifference to the high probability that this risk might occur" See, e.g., *Estelle v. Gamble*, 429 U.S. 97, 47 S.Ct. 285, 50 L.Ed.2d 251 (1976); *Rhodes v. Chapman*, 452 U.S. 337, 101 S.Ct. 2392, 69 L.Ed.2d 59 (1981) quoting *Overson v. Bazzetta* 123 S.Ct. 2162 at 2170 (III.)

Plaintiffs argue this housing practice is a dramatic departure from accepted standards for conditions of confinement especially in a Maximum Security setting. Plaintiffs assert that the Challenged housing practice is a violation of the 8<sup>th</sup> amendment and encompasses equal protection case concerning prisoners who are an identifiable group/suspect class and subject to a discriminatory housing practice that excludes non-gang members from protection and safety issue for separation whereas rival prison gangs are afforded these safety precautions and safeguards and creating disparate impact and disparate classes of prisoners (non-gang members and rival prison gangs) in the use of a Constitutionally defective housing practice.

Defendants interrogative answers concerning how many rival prison gang members were allowed in a Quad at one time is indicative that there was no set limit giving credit to plaintiffs assertion that a Concentration of 15-18 were housed in an area that held only 24 inmates and that plaintiffs were housed with 15-18 rival prison gang members and leaders belonging to one single rival gang.

Defendants answers to interrogatives concerning screening for compatibility with separated rival prison gangs is indicative that there was an is no screening for compatibility affirming plaintiffs Claim there is no screening for compatibility

and this is affirmed by defendant David Apao answer to interrogatory #21 "None to my knowledge"

Defendant Conda Sandin response to interrogatory #3. here defendant Sandin states "its impossible to determine all gang and non-gang members and separate them accordingly". this is not true and defendants effectively used a screening and classification practice to determine rival gangs and separate them accordingly as stipulated and presented as evidence in plaintiffs Opposition exhibit F. this is where defendants attempt to change the perception of the housing practice in stating "Non-gang and gang members are housed together throughout HCF." which is not true.

also at Defendant Sandin response to interrogatory #11. "all inmates have the potential to victimize other inmates". this statement is broad and evasive. it does not take into account plaintiffs allegation that gang targeting is pervasive in the Challenged housing area and is much different than a disagreement or fight between non-gang members. prison gangs operate as a organized structure with the purpose and goal to demonstrate power through violence and intimidation, the nature and character of HCF prison rival gangs is totally different than fights between non-gang members. With prison gangs an inmate knows he is up an organization not a one on one confrontation with a non-gang member. Defendant Sandin attempts to put non-gang members and rival prison gangs in the same box but these 2 types of inmates are not at all the same and non-gang members do not have the same goals or character as prison rival gangs or share the same goals and objectives.

Defendants try to convince that rival prison gang only concern is the other rival prison gang and in part this is true however the other side of the coin will show prison gangs that are separated from rival prison gang will focus their actions gang targeting upon those fresh new non-gang inmates that are ordered to be housed with them resulting time and time again in beatings coercion and recruitment in the housing area.

and it is the non-gang member who is beaten, coerced, and forced into gang membership not the other way around and the policy of the rival prison gang plaintiff were housed with was that any new inmate placed in their housing area one way or another will join their prison gang or suffer the consequences.

Plaintiff address their arguments for qualified immunity in their opposition at pages 24, 25, 26

also Defendants answers to interrogatory 2, 3 is indicative that there is no training, instruction, written rules in the housing practice, custom and policy giving credit to plaintiff claims of failure to train and failure to provide safe guards at (interrogatory 2, 3). also see cause of action.

Plaintiff main arguments are contained in their Opposition filed Jan 18<sup>th</sup> 2006 this supplement is meant to introduce to the Honorable Court Defendants answers to interrogatories and arguments to support plaintiff Opposition to defendants motion for Summary Judgment.

Plaintiff will not be adding any more to this and will await the Honorable Courts decision in this matter. plaintiff ask that the Court deny defendants motion for summary judgement and defendants qualified immunity. Plaintiff would have request ed a second set of interrogatories but from the apparent altering and suspiciously identical answers plaintiff are convinced that defendants attorney will continue to manipulate the rules of Federal Civil procedure concerning discovery and answers to interrogatories through alterations or other means to distort, and misrepresent Facts.

again interrogatories from Edwin shemoda, Saia Finan and John payton have not responded or produced to plaintiff as of Yet.

Respectfully Submitted

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Date April 6<sup>th</sup> 2006